



## ***Middle School News*** ***October 2018***

***From the Principal's Desk Mr. George Villar***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. Our new year brings a lot of positive change that we look forward to sharing with your children. This year we are fully integrating the redesigned master schedule for all grades. Each grade level is divided into Core Academic Teams (language arts, math, science, and social studies). In grades 6 and 7, students are either on the Blue or White Teams. In grade 8, students are on the Blue, White, or Red Team.

Each team has a common set of four Core Academic teachers that are responsible for the students on that team. Within the new master schedule, Core Team classes are fifty-two minutes and Encore (cycles, electives, and physical education and world languages) are forty-two minutes. All students are off team for Encore classes.

There will be two Back to School Nights this year. Parents of grade 8 students will have BTSN on Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Parents of grades 6 and 7 students will have BTSN on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Both nights, there will be a special meeting for any parent who wishes to meet our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Maria Mensinger. This meeting will take place at 6:30 PM in the library.

We look forward to a great year ahead and the opportunity to work with you and your children to create an excellent educational experience.



***Ms. Maria Mensinger,  
Assistant Principal/Dean of Students***

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal/Dean of Students for Warren Middle School. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of students, teachers, administrators, and families. Having raised my family close by in Bridgewater and working right next door for the past 15 years, I've had the opportunity to learn of the stellar reputation of the Warren School District and I am extremely proud to be a member of this team.

Before joining Warren Middle School, I served for the past three years as the Supervisor of Special Education for Grades 6-12 in Bernards Township School District. Prior to this position I had the pleasure of serving on the Child Study Team as a School Psychologist. My background in special education keeps my focus on the importance of the individual needs of each student, while also understanding that consistency is key to maintaining the integrity of the policies and procedures of the district.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Warren School District in this role! I look forward to supporting the students of Warren Middle School.



6th Grade Counselor	Mrs. M. Johnson
7th Grade Counselor	Mrs. L. Regal
8th Grade Counselor	Mrs. H. Scully
Student Assistant Counselor	Mrs. C. Brown



***The E<sup>2</sup> Connection Keeping You  
Connected to WMS's Enrichment Programs  
Mrs. Cooper Ext.6055 [scooper@warrentboe.org](mailto:scooper@warrentboe.org)***

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school!! The WMS Enrichment Education (E2) program will offer again a myriad of enrichment programs to meet the diversified needs of all the students at Warren Middle School. Watch for e-blasts and please register on Mrs. Cooper's website for updated and current information. It is sure to be a great year!

**Enrichment for All!**

The E2 program provides a plethora of enrichment opportunities for all students, including trips, workshops, bees and competitions. Students are invited to sign up for these opportunities sometimes through Google Forms or by picking up a permission slip outside of room 32. Students are encouraged to listen to morning announcements as well as watch their emails for time sensitive information. All enrichment is optional and sometimes requires payment and permission slips. Contact Mrs. Cooper if you have any questions or suggestions.

**6th Grade E2 Evaluation Process**

Sixth graders are currently making a transition to the middle school. If any student or parent would like more detailed information on the E2 evaluation process for grade 6, kindly login to Mrs. Cooper's website where there is a segment that explains the process.

**7th & 8th Grade E2**

Students in the 7th and 8th grade E2 pullout program met with Mrs. Cooper to explore the elective offerings which will run from September to the end of December. Projects and activities include quiz bowl, mock trial, vehicles, photography, chess, math contests, leadership activities, trips, speakers and various workshops. All electives are student

driven based on interest and will be scheduled on a bi-weekly calendar. Students are encouraged to watch the E2 easel and their email (and Google Classroom) for updates to the schedule and for new information. It is sure to be a great year filled with challenging enrichment opportunities for all.

**Continental Math**

Continental Math is a voluntary national math competition that is very popular at WMS. Five times each year, students have the opportunity to take a six question math challenge. No studying is expected, and answers are provided. Students should be sure to sign up for Continental Math through the Google Form that was sent to them on September 13th. Also, listen to the morning announcements for when the meets will begin.

**Chess Club – OPEN TO ALL 6th, 7th and 8th Graders**

Chess Club Adventures will meet after school on Wednesday in room 32. Chess allows students to develop and play with fellow students and high school chess team members. Chess is a wonderful way to use your mind and Chess Club Adventures promises many enriching chess opportunities. If your child is interested in Chess Club and did not sign up for it during club sign ups, contact Mrs. Cooper to see if open slots are available.

**Peer to Peer Program**

Dozens of eighth graders applied for the New Jersey Peer to Peer program at Warren Middle School. Twenty were chosen in preparation for a year of leadership development and service to the Warren community. Peer leaders are slated to conduct a series of outreach programs to younger peers in the district as well as run other projects that help influence children to stay away from drugs, alcohol and reckless behaviors.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mrs. D. McCloskey, Mrs. A. Jensen, Mr. J. Seremula,  
Mr. J. Van Tine, Mr. Bruce Gant

Instrumental lessons, string lessons and chorus sectional rehearsals are up and running now.

If you have a student in any of these groups, please make sure that they know the dates and times of their lessons and rehearsals. All information is available from the music teachers, posted around the school in various locations and in the Student Center on their Chromebooks or your computer at home.

Kindly return all forms, if not done already, that have been sent home with your 6th, 7th and 8th grade music student as soon as possible.

The Music Parents 1st meeting for all parents of music students at Warren Middle School will be held on Thursday, October 18th at 7:15 p.m. in the Middle School Band Room, room #33. It will last about 45 minutes and will cover needed information for the school year.

Please sign up for our teacher webpages as they will keep you up to date on all current dates and times for concerts, important messages and other performances and other groups your child may be involved with this year.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at any time. We look forward to a wonderfully musical year.



- 1 -5** Week of Respect
- 8-9** School Closed - Columbus Day & In-Service
- 15 - 19** School Violence Prevention Awareness Week
- 16** PTO Meeting @ 9:00 AM
- 19** 7th Grade Fall Rec Event @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- 26** 6th Grade Rec Event @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- 29** School Picture Makeup

## *Superintendent's Corner*

The Warren Township Schools opened the 2018-2019 school year on September 6, 2018 with 1,683 students.

As is the case each summer, our custodial and maintenance crews worked extremely hard to prepare the buildings and grounds for the new school year. In addition to the regular deep cleaning that takes place, these crews supported several significant capital improvements throughout the district. This group of dedicated professionals is responsible for the sparkle that greets our students as they step off the bus each and every day.

This summer, our 12-month Administrative staff recruited, interviewed and recommended for hire 20+ new professionals to join our faculty and staff. These new hires spent time during the last week of August attending the New Staff Induction Program led by Mt. Horeb Principal Scott Cook and Woodland School Principal Jeff Heaney. Warren Township attracts top-notch talent from throughout the region and I am confident these new teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff members will prove to be wonderful additions to our community.

Here's to a wonderful school year where we all continue shining brighter every day!

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

